

incidental to oil and gas industry activities.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 101(a)(5) of the Marine Mammal

Protection Act of 1972, as amended, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service implementing regulations [50 CFR 18.27(f)(3)], notice is hereby given that Letters of Authorization to take polar

bears and Pacific walrus incidental to oil and gas industry exploration, development, and production activities have been issued to the following companies:

Company	Activity	Date issued
BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc. ....	Exploration .....	May 2, 1997.
BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc. ....	Exploration .....	May 16, 1997.
BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc. ....	Development .....	May 16, 1997.
Fairweather E&P Services .....	Exploration .....	May 21, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John W. Bridges at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska, 99503, (800) 362-5148 or (907) 786-3810.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Letters of Authorization were issued in accordance with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Rules and Regulations "Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities (58 FR 60402; November 16, 1993); modified and extended (60 FR 42805; August 17, 1995).

Dated: May 29, 1997.

**David B. Allen,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impacts (FONSI) for the Saguaro National Park Exchange Proposal, Maricopa and Pima Counties, Arizona**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and public open house meetings.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Land Management has completed an EA and FONSI for the proposed exchange of lands in Maricopa County, Arizona for private lands of equal value in Pima County, Arizona.

1. The approximately 4,322 acres of public lands (selected lands) involved in the proposed exchange are currently managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and is located southwest of Lake Pleasant (south of State Highway 74) near Phoenix, Arizona. The approximately 530 to 700 acres of private lands (offered lands) involved in the proposed exchange are currently

owned by Tucson Mountain Associates, LLC and are within the Saguaro National Park boundaries as established by Public Law 103-364, October 14, 1994.

2. A No Action and Proposed Action alternative have been analyzed in the EA.

3. Issues analyzed in the EA consist of vegetative communities, wildlife and wildlife habitat, threatened and endangered species, sensitive species, surface water, groundwater, water rights, floodplains, hazardous waste, minerals, public and private land ownership, access, grazing, recreation, urban sprawl and open space, cultural resources, Native American Consultation, population, and demographics, local and regional economy, and environmental justice.

**DATES:** Public opening house meetings will be held at the following locations and times: Tucson Open House: July 1, 1997, 4-8 p.m. at the Red Hills Visitor Center, Tucson, Mountain District, Saguaro National Park, 2700 N. Kinney Road, Tucson, Arizona. Phoenix Open House: July 2, 1997, 4-8 p.m. at the Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix Field Office Conference Room, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, Arizona (602) 780-8090. Public comments must be submitted or postmarked no later than 30 days after publication of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted during the public meetings or may be submitted to the Bureau of Land Management, Attn. Bill Childress, Project Manager, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85027.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill Childress, Project Manager, BLM, Phoenix Field Office, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, AZ 85027 or Telephone (602) 780-8090.

Dated: June 4, 1997.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[WY-036-97-1060-00]

**Notice of Intent**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to roundup wild horses.

**SUMMARY:** The Lander Resource Area plans to gather 150 wild horses in the Green Mountain Herd Management Area, and 150 wild horses in the Muskrat Basin Herd Management Area. This is in accordance with WY036-EA3-010, Lander Wild Horse Herd Areas Evaluation of Wild Horse Herd Areas and WY036-EA3-013, Lander Wild Horse Capture Plan for the Gathering of Wild Horses Inside and Outside of the Lander Wild Horse Herd Management Areas. The relevant documents can be reviewed at the Lander Resource Area office until July 15, 1997. The planned gathering period will extend from July 15, 1997 through August 20, 1997.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address listed below during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EA, the EIS, or other related documents. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

**DATES:** June 15, through July 15, 1997.